

END OF IRISH VIOLENCE AT HAND, BELIEF

EARLY PEACE SEEN AS BRITISH CHIEFS REDOUBLE EFFORTS

Turbulence Marks Ireland's
Celebration of Her Saint's
Day.

DAIL EIREANN MAY CHANGE WHOLE COURSE OF AFFAIRS

Government Officials Strain
Every Point to Obtain
Compromise.

FEELING IS MORE THAN HOPE

St. Patrick's Day Session in House
of Commons Signifies Satisfac-
tory Outlook.

BY A. E. JOHNSON,
United News Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, March 17.—In spite of the turbulence of Ireland's celebration of her saint's day, in spite of the shooting and bombings and incendiary and through all the black manifestations of inter-racial hatred, there is a gradually developing strong feeling that the end of violence is at hand.

The feeling is little more than a hope today. But before another three months it may have become an actuality, with Irishmen and Englishmen sitting down together to solve the Irish problem by peaceful means. This is based on the known attitude of British government officials now directing the Irish policy, and on information which comes from an official who is close to the head of the government and who is himself participating in certain determined efforts to obtain a compromise.

Dail Eireann to Meet Soon.
The hope comes chiefly from the probability that the Dail Eireann is to meet in Ireland soon—possibly before the Easter elections. How this meeting may change the whole course of Irish affairs is explained by my informant as follows:

"Great Britain recognizes the duly elected representatives of the Irish people, inasmuch as sixty of its members were chosen under the election machinery of the British government, for seats in the House of Commons. The Dail Eireann will meet, without doubt, as soon as an agreement is reached as to the disposition of its members, who were outlawed by Lloyd George. Now, although the Premier has repeatedly stated that there would be no amnesty for members of that body, it is known that he referred only to three men, whose names may not be mentioned. One of these recently died as the result of gunshot wounds received in an ambush. The other two are on the run.

Twenty-Five Under Arrest.
Twenty-five members of the Dail Eireann are at present under arrest in detention camps. These will be released at any time when the Sinn Fein decides to gather to discuss a compromise.

"Influences are at work to persuade the Sinn Fein leaders to disavow the 'killers' or obtain their resignations, thereby making it possible to discuss a compromise."
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RAILROAD SUSPENDS TRAFFIC ON ACCOUNT LAWLESS STRIKERS

U. S. Marshals Defend Prop-
erty of Missouri and North
Kansas Companies.

[By Associated Press.]
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 17.—All traffic on the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad was suspended late today by orders of its officers, who gave as their reason the "lawlessness and interference of striking employees."

Deputy United States marshals are tonight on their way to Harrison, Ark., the seat of the principal trouble with the railroad, to arrest or strike employees of the road.

Federal Judge Jacob Frierger has ordered that all deputies necessary to protect the property of the road, which is in the hands of the Federal Court, be sworn in. Governor McCreight has also been called on for assistance.

A. Phelan, general manager and receiver, late today telegraphed officials to suspend all traffic, as bridges are being burned, water tanks drained, water pumps damaged, obstruction placed on tracks to derail trains, telegraph wires interrupted and employees assaulted.

The union employees have been on strike for several weeks following a cut in wages.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR HOUSES TO CLOSE

Prohibition Commissioner
Kramer Says Ban Will
Start May 15.

HAVE NO LEGAL RIGHTS

To Open Way, However, for
Retail Druggists to Ob-
tain Supplies.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, March 17.—The wholesale liquor establishment, brother of the bar, will be put to death May 15 under sentence pronounced today by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer.

Although an opinion rendered by Attorney-General Palmer last December said the wholesaler had no legal right to continue in business, internal revenue and prohibition officials decided to grant some time in which he could unload stocks without too heavy monetary loss. But Mr. Kramer's announcement today made it clear there would be no further extension of time, and that execution of the sentence would be carried out.

Mr. Kramer, however, opened the way for the retail druggist to obtain supplies for prescriptions, removing the ban on withdrawals from bonded warehouses. For several months such warehouse doors have been closed. The order today makes it possible for the retail druggist to transact business direct with the bonded warehouses. Wholesale druggists will be taken care of later, Mr. Kramer indicated, by granting them similar privileges.

Dealings between retail druggists and other purchasers and the bonded warehouses later will be limited by regulations, which officials declared would be drastic enough to satisfy the most ardent dry advocate. It was based, however, it was added, on Mr. Palmer's opinion. It is planned to put them in effect about the time the wholesale houses go out of existence.

So far as the wholesaler is concerned, Mr. Kramer said, his one task now is to get rid of the stocks on hand. He will not be allowed to increase his present holdings, but there are no strings tied to him in selling to druggists, either wholesale or retail, before May 15. Officials announced no figures concerning the amount of liquor held by the wholesalers, but said they believed the stocks largely would be disposed of before the doors are closed finally.

CIGARETTES COST MORE THAN TEACHERS' SALARIES

Dr. Claxton Says United States Spent
Three-Fifths as Much for Edu-
cation as for Tobacco.

[By Associated Press.]
KNOXVILLE, TENN., March 17.—"Cigarette stubs in the United States last year cost the smokers more than was spent for teachers' salaries of all grades of schools and universities," Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, who spoke before the Tennessee Educational Association at the University of Tennessee tonight.

MOTHER OF NINE CHILDREN STRANGLED TO DEATH BY BANDITS IN NEW YORK CITY

Robbers Kill Mrs. Henrietta Defelicio, and Mrs. Rosa
Menditto Is Bound and Gagged, While Yeggmen
Get Away With \$2,500 in Money and Jewelry

[By Associated Press.]
NEW YORK, March 17.—Mrs. Henrietta Defelicio, mother of nine children, was strangled to death, and Mrs. Rosa Menditto, a nurse, was gagged and bound by four hold-up men who entered their home in Brooklyn late this afternoon and demanded money and jewelry.

In frussing up the two women, the robbers thrust a towel into Mrs. Defelicio's mouth. To keep it in place, they passed a rope around her face. One coil slipped down around her throat and was pulled so tight that it strangled her.

Mrs. Menditto, who was thrown on to a cot in a room adjoining that in which the two women were sitting, rolled herself to the floor after the robbers had fled with \$2,500 in jewelry and money. Loosening a gag by pushing her face along the floor, she staggered to her feet, pushed up the window with her head and called for the police.

The woman's screams were heard by a policeman and also her husband, Louis Menditto, who was on his way home from work. News of the hold-up and murder spreading rapidly throughout the neighborhood, caused such indignation that police reserves had to be called to handle a crowd of 1,000, which quickly collected.

Mrs. Menditto fainted when her husband entered the house. When she was revived, she told the story of the hold-up to detectives.

She said that the bandits had not allowed her or her companion time to make a reply to their demands, but had seized them. She said they had put up a struggle, but soon were subdued and their money and jewelry taken from them.

She said all the bandits had appeared less than 25 years old. None of them was masked. Detectives said they had obtained a good description of them from Mrs. Menditto and also finger prints.

HIGHWAYS PARTY BACK IN RICHMOND AFTER STATE TOUR

Coleman and Newspaper Men
Passed Over 538 Miles of
Roadway on Trip.

LAST LAP BEGINS AT CHAPPAWAMSI SWAMP

Half-Mile Stretch of Concrete
Pavement Inspected on
Return Journey.

CONSTRUCTION MAIN OBJECT

Program of Commission Provides
for Building and Maintenance
of Gravel Ways.

Virginia's Good Roads' tourists, George P. Coleman and newspaper men from Richmond, Norfolk and Newport News, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon after a four-day tour of the State Highway System. In an effort to find out the condition of the roads in Virginia, the sections of the State visited were Tidewater, Northern Neck and "Upper" Northern Neck. During the trip the commissioner and the representatives of the press, traveled a distance of approximately 538 miles, of which 433 were State Highway. The remaining 105 miles was over roads, while although not a part of the system, will be in a short space of time. It is the plan of Commissioner Coleman to make this 100 miles part of the State system as soon as sufficient funds are available for the work.

The last lap of the journey began at Fredericksburg early yesterday morning, when the party visited Chappawamsic Swamp, twenty miles north of Fredericksburg. Commissioner Coleman prolonged the tour ten miles, and carried his party as far north as the outskirts of Quantico, the camp of the marines.

Pass Over Concrete Road.
In the journey over the road between Fredericksburg and the outskirts of Quantico, the party passed over a half mile of concrete road, recently completed by the State, which covered a stretch of land most feared by tourists traveling between Richmond and Washington. The section runs through Chappawamsic Swamp, and is located about twenty-four miles from Fredericksburg. The stretch forms a part of the Richmond-Washington Highway, and was completed by the Highway Commission last summer.

Virginia herself has taken the lead in the construction of a highway between Fredericksburg and Washington, which is declared to be far above the average road of the country. About two miles north of Fredericksburg the party struck a twenty-five-mile stretch of dirt road, which proved to be excellent for touring purposes, and showed advantage of considerable attention by District Engineer Bell for the sections surrounding Fredericksburg.

Construction Is Main Object.
While construction of highways throughout Virginia is the main object of the Highway Commission of Richmond, maintenance of the roads also plays an important part in the plans of Commissioner Coleman. This fact was emphasized in all sections visited by the party in the last four days. Road machines were seen in every part of Virginia through which the tourists passed, and impressions gathered from the trip are that Virginia's Highway Commission plans to maintain the roads under its jurisdiction.

During the four days on the road, Commissioner Coleman's party traveled over seventy-five miles of asphalt and concrete road. In addition to the seventy-five miles the State has contracted of fourteen and one-half miles of asphalt and concrete highway. Statistics issued by Commissioner Coleman show that Virginia

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CLARA SMITH HAMON FREED OF CHARGE OF SLAYING MILLIONAIRE

Haltingly Thanks Jury for Verdict and Tells Reporters
She Is Happiest Woman in World—Plans
for Future Incomplete.

[By Associated Press.]
ARDMORE, OKLA., March 17.—Clara Smith Hamon late today was acquitted of a charge of having murdered Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, and millionaire railroad and oil promoter.

The jury was given the case at 4:30 P. M. and returned to the courtroom forty minutes later. B. F. C. Laughridge, 73-year-old foreman, said only one ballot was taken, a secret one, confirmed by a rising vote.

Clara Hamon obtained the information fully seven minutes before the verdict was rendered in open court, and sat, surrounded by members of her family, half smiling, half afraid to believe the odds of assurance that were bent toward her.

Thanks the Jury.
When Judge Thomas W. Champion mounted the bench and received an affirmative response to his question: "Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?" her eyes followed intently the motions of the bailiff as he received the verdict from Mr. Laughridge, walked across the courtroom and handed it to the clerk, who read it in a nervous voice.

Clara Hamon gasped audibly in the tensely silent courtroom, dropped forward in her seat, only to be soiled from behind by her younger brother, "Jimmy," who kissed her. Tears came to her eyes and the other members of her family cried with her as she crossed to the standing juror who had passed judgment on her and haltingly thanked them for their verdict.

She came to the pressroom to thank the newspaper workers, hanging on the arms of Sheriff Buck Garrett and her brother, and with tears streaming down her face, said:

"I am the happiest woman in the world."

She used a secret passage from the courtroom to escape the crowds, and went to a lower floor of the county building, where she sat for some time receiving congratulations.

Tonight her plans for the future were incomplete, she and her attorneys said. She is considering a number of business propositions, according to Walter Scott, of Fort Worth, Tex., one of her counsel.

She probably will remain in Ardmore a day or two at the home she leased to be here for the trial, and then probably will go to Wilson, fifteen miles west of here, to stay with her father for a few days. Her father, J. L. Smith, is seriously ill at 31 Paso, Tex., and it was said she might return there to be with him.

None of the members of the family of Jake L. Hamon was in the courtroom when the jury returned its verdict. Mrs. Hamon, the widow, and her 19-year-old son, Jake L. Jr., left when the case was placed in the jury's hands.

History of Case.
Mr. Hamon was shot on the night of November 21, last, as the culmination of what was brought out in evidence introduced as being a fight with the defendant. He was shot once through the body and died five days later.

Clara Hamon immediately left Ardmore on November 22, and it was established during the trial, upon instructions of Hamon as he lay upon a hospital cot, and Frank L. Ketch, former business manager for Mr. Hamon and now administrator for the Hamon estate, and with \$5,000 furnished her through Ketch, she went to Chihuahua City, Mex., traveling by automobile and trying ineffectually to obtain an airplane for her flight. She surrendered to the Carter County Sheriff at El Paso, and returned to Ardmore Christmas Day.

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At a critical moment, during the discussion of a question to the rights to extend an electric wire across the street, at the monthly meeting of the Councilman Committee on Ordinances last night, the telephone rang, and Custodian Dick Smith announced that Alderman Marx Gunst was wanted.

Mr. Gunst listened a moment, he then shut off the phone, grabbed his hat and coat, and started for the elevator at double-quick time.

"Wait a minute," shouted Councilman Edgar B. English.

"Got no time," responded Mr. Gunst, as he reached the elevator. "Burglars in my house." Then he disappeared down the elevator shaft in charge of Supervisor Albert Giannatti.

An attempted entry in the heart of the business section of the city was tipped in the bud about 2 o'clock this morning. A burglar broke a pane of glass in the Richmond Cafeteria, but before he could get inside was frightened by a man who was on duty. A porter of the Gilbert Hotel, located in the same building, saw the broken glass and summoned several men from the hotel, and a search was instituted, but they were unable to get any description of him, as the man took to his heels down the alley toward Ninth Street and disappeared. Police were called to the scene and investigated, but could find no one lurking around that vicinity.

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BANDITS PLUNDER GUNST APARTMENT ON WEST GRACE ST.

Entrance Gained by Ladder
Against Wall on Back Side
of House.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY POLICE

Officer Must Ring Front Door
Bell Every Hour, Says
Headquarters Order.

POCKETBOOKS ARE EMPTIED

Call for Alderman Over Telephone
Breaks Up Meeting of Commit-
tee on Ordinances.

Burglars made their entry last night into one of Richmond's most exclusive residential districts, when the apartment of Alderman Marx Gunst, Sherrod Apartments, corner of Lombardy and Grace Streets, was entered and ransacked.

The marauder made his entry through a rear window by means of a ladder, which was discovered by the janitor of the building. The janitor immediately gave chase, but the intruder made his escape after he had stolen two pocketbooks containing about \$15.

Police Search Premises.
Police were hastily summoned by the janitor. They made a search of the premises but if any clues were found they were not announced last night. It was stated, however, that no one had seen the burglar, consequently it could not even be determined whether he was a white man or a negro.

Orders were issued last night for the officers patrolling the beat which include the apartment houses in the old Richmond College campus, to ring Alderman Gunst's doorbell every hour during the night.

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of 1910, the same convention in which the Atlantic boundary was submitted to re-arbitration by the American arbitrator.

"Notwithstanding this fact," the note stated, "the government of Panama apparently has taken no steps to fulfill its obligations to recognize the territory on the Costa Rican side of that line as subject to the jurisdiction of the government of Costa Rica, but has continued to exercise jurisdiction over the territory beyond that territory until the present time.

"This government considers it to be an unavoidable duty to request the government of Panama at once to take steps to confirm the boundary line from Punta Burica to a point in the Central Cordillera north of Cerro Pandro, near the ninth degree of north latitude, by relinquishing its jurisdiction over the territory on the Costa Rican side of that line, as defined by the Loubet award, and by transferring such jurisdiction to the government of Costa Rica in an orderly manner. It is to be observed that it is that territory, belonging to Costa Rica, that Coto is situated."

REBELS YIELD KRONSTADT TO SOVIET ARMY

VOTE CONFIDENCE IN PREMIER BRIAND

French Chamber of Deputies
Approves Decisions of Repa-
rations Conference.

GERMANS ARE MAKING GUNS

Further Parleys Are Expected
in Near Future Between Al-
lied Councils and Simons.

[By Associated Press.]

PARIS, March 17.—The decisions of the London reparations conference, the occupation of Dusseldorf and other German cities, and the application of the allied economic penalties on Germany were approved by the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon by a vote that was virtually unanimous except for the Socialists and Communists. The vote as officially given out was 491 to 66.

Premier Briand, replying to former Minister of Finance Klotz and former Minister of War Lefevre, who, respectively, insisted upon further light as to the government's intentions with regard to execution of the treaty of Versailles and securing the disarmament of Germany, took occasion to answer Germany's protest to the league of nations against the allied occupation on the ground that it was a violation of the treaty. He called the attention of the chamber to the fact that at the same time this protest was sent, Germany had refused, on the summons of the reparations commission, to execute the clause of the treaty calling for the payment of 20,000,000 gold marks.

Guns Making Guns.
"Germany," he said, "has violated the treaty in three essential clauses—disarmament, reparations and the trial of accused officers. Thus, the sanctions as provided for in the treaty are applicable and just, as we have applied them."

The allied commission of control, he declared, was working under the advice of Marshal Wilson and Foch, and might be depended upon to satisfy the requirements of M. Lefevre as to the disarmament of Germany.

M. Lefevre said that since he declared in a previous debate in the chamber that Germany was making a new machine gun capable of shooting 1,500 bullets a minute, its existence had been proven. The guns had been found in Koenigsberg, he declared, along with a new type of six-inch cannon, proving that the Germans were making new armament to replace that destroyed under allied control. He said that material had been discovered in cellars of the Spandau arsenal sufficient to manufacture 6,000 field guns.

Treaty Not Modified.
M. Lefevre asked Premier Briand to accept a resolution calling for permanent allied control of the manufacture of arms and munitions in Germany. The Premier said it was (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

Indict Mathis for Kinsey's Death.
SEMA, ALA., March 17.—The Chattanooga County grand jury today returned an indictment against Clint Mathis, charged with the murder of Lewis E. Kinsey, mail carrier, whose body was found in the woods here last week, after he had been missing since January 27. Mathis, who is now on the prison at Atlanta for safekeeping, will be brought here tomorrow for trial.

GIVE \$2,000 TO W. & M. COLLEGE AS MEMORIAL TO CAPTAIN J. A. COKE

One of Series of Scholarships
Established by Descendants
of Those Who Attended.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., March 17.—A gift of \$2,000 to the College of William and Mary for the establishment of a scholarship as a memorial to their father, Captain John A. Coke, has been made by Mrs. Eliza Coke Flannagan, of Montclair, N. J., and John Archer Coke, Jr., of Richmond, Va. It was announced here today.

The donation was made as a gift to the William and Mary Endowment Fund, and is one of the series of scholarships which are being established at William and Mary by the descendants of Virginians who attended the college and held high places in the councils of the Commonwealth and the nation.

Captain John Archer Coke was a distinguished alumnus of William and Mary. He was graduated from the institution in 1860, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and immediately entered the Confederate army, in which he held a captaincy. He was wounded at Richmond. Later he practiced law in the capital. Captain Coke was a son of John Coke of Williamsburg.

It is probable that more degrees were given the Coke family, between 1800 and 1861, than any other family in the State. Four brothers of Captain Coke received degrees from William and Mary, and one of them, Richard Coke, later became United States Senator and Governor of Texas. Captain Octavius Coke, Alexander Alexander Coke, and Surgeon George H. Coke, also were William and Mary men who saw service in the Confederate army.

John Coke, of Williamsburg, received his A. B. degree from William and Mary in 1829.

REVOLUTIONISTS BLOW UP WARSHIPS BEFORE RETREAT

General Koslovski Fleets to Fin-
land, With 800
Soldiers.

BOLSHEVISTS EFFECT CAPTURE WEDNESDAY

Reports of Serious Revolt in
Petrograd or Moscow Ridi-
culed by Correspondents.

[By Associated Press.]

HELSINKI, FINLAND, March 17.—Kronstadt has surrendered to the Soviet forces. This announcement is made by the revolutionary committee of Kronstadt, which has arrived in Finland, accompanied by 800 soldiers.

NOT UNDER BOMBARDMENT

Parade, Which Ended in Snowball
Fight, Only Evidence of
Military Activity.

Before retreating from Kronstadt, the revolutionists blew up the warships Petropavlovsk and Sebastopol. General Koslovski, leader of the revolutionists, has also arrived in Finland.

**KRONSTADT FALLS TO REDS
DURING WEDNESDAY NIGHT**
[By Associated Press.]
RIGA, March 17.—The Russian mission here asserted today that the Bolsheviks captured Kronstadt from the revolutionists Wednesday night.

**DENY REPORTS OF REVOLT
IN PETROGRAD OR MOSCOW**
[By Associated Press.]
LONDON, March 17.—A lengthy dispatch to the Manchester Guardian, from a correspondent who has just reached Revel from Moscow, and who has been at Petrograd during the recent uprising, ridicules extensively the reports of a serious revolt in Petrograd or Moscow.

There is certainly some voicing of discontent in Moscow, he declared, but this is owing to the food and fuel shortage. And the manifestations of this discontent are limited chiefly to the holding of mass-meetings and occasional strikes, with none of the bloody battles reported from centers of military activity.

At Moscow the correspondent saw workmen and soldiers fighting through the ice under the walls of the Kremlin while, according to foreign newspapers, "machine guns were rattling in the streets of Moscow."

"I saw a Communist parade," he declared, telling of the only evidence of military activity, "which ended in a snowball fight."

Petrograd, he declares, is in a state of siege, but is not under bombardment. The battleships at Kronstadt (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)